

Assistant Director for Operations

Chief, FBID

Monthly Progress Report for December 1958

9 January 1959

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OPERATIONS

1. The report of the 20 November conference on television monitoring was reproduced and disseminated as an attachment to a letter to potential consumers requesting a written statement of requirements. This letter, circulated on 17 December under signature of the AD/O, requested replies by 16 January 1959.

2. Replies received on 23 December from AFCIN and NSA completed response to the African Survey. A report is being drafted analyzing the response, which showed a strong shift toward West Africa. Replies, in general, stronger and more definitely positive or negative than in the 1957 survey, reflect an increased interest in and concern about Africa.

3. The unfavorable report of the USARPAC Signal Officer concerning the FBIS Pacific allocated channels reached Washington late in the month. As foreshadowed by the Chief, Tokyo Bureau, the recommendation to revert to common-user operation was not based on FBIS usage, which was admitted to be excellent, but on support problems and technical difficulties. The USACA Branch handling the matter displayed a favorable attitude to FBIS, without knowledge of the CIA commendation of 20 November.

4. In a visit to USACA by the Chief, Field Operations Staff, it was emphasized that all control of allocated channels remains with that Agency and that theater officers cannot in a MINIMIZE expropriate channels without USACA sanction. Recent technical developments in ACAN communications facilities have increased their potential capacity and lowered the likelihood of FBIS being affected by a trans-Atlantic MINIMIZE.

5. Domestic bureaus resumed condition reports on December 4, 5 and 6 when alerted to a possible sputnik launching, but results were negative.

6. Kurdish monitor recruiting continued to be unproductive during December despite many new leads, most of them furnished by CD/OO. The most promising candidate appears to be an Air Force sergeant, a native Kurd, who may be made available for assignment if he qualifies. Some Kurdish monitoring continues

7. An Indonesian citizen was recruited by the Chief, Saigon Bureau, in Singapore to fill that Bureau's vacant Indonesian monitor slot. The candidate is to be processed by the Embassy, Jakarta, and sent to Okinawa for training.

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8. The East Coast Bureau devoted much special attention to the Cuban situation, providing excellent coverage of the climax. The only major flaw was inability to intercept Castro and Urrutia speeches from Santiago. These were not carried by Havana stations because they were also inaudible there. Considerable special cruising of Cuba was required. ✓

9. The Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau, reported [redacted] inauguration of mirror transmissions of Peking NCHA Chinese Hellschreiber press in the near future. Full coordination was promised by the field unit involved. A number of conventional mirror broadcasts meanwhile continue to occur without special incident. 50X1

10. A report on the annual survey of consumers of FBIS publications was completed during the month. As a result of this survey mailing lists have been revised to reflect current distribution, and constructive suggestions of readers are under consideration.

11. FBID has been advised that the Wire Service to the Department of the Air Force is expected to be installed by 15 January 1959. ✓

12. The FBIS Wire serviced seven requests involving 19 items under the authority of "Spotlight Commentary." ✓

13. Supplements to the Daily Report: ✓

- a. 11 December - Gheorghiu-Dej Economic Plan Report to Party Central Committee, Nov. 26, 1958
- b. 17 December - Khrushchev Report on Agriculture to CPSU Central Committee, December 15, 1958
- c. 23 December - World Radio and Press Reaction to Launching of Atlas Satellites

14. Radio Propaganda Reports:

- a. "New Moscow Approach to Cooperation with Western Socialists: Effort to Undermine Rightwing Leaderships"
- b. "Indications of Reduced Defense Ministry Control over Political Work in the Soviet Armed Forces"
- c. "Increased Appeal to Iraqi Listeners in Yerevan Broadcasts to the Middle East"
- d. "Continued Resistance among Soviet Writers to Party Pressures for Conformity"

15. The November Radio Propaganda Report on "Soviet Propaganda on

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"Missile-Launching Submarines" drew compliments from OCI and from the Deputy Chief, Office of Naval Intelligence. ONI requested additional FBID analysis of Soviet propaganda on the military and scientific aspects of soviet rocketry and space-vehicle development.

16. Special Propaganda Analysis Services

a. Fourteen analyses of Soviet propaganda on the two Geneva conferences, on stopping nuclear tests and on measures to prevent surprise attack, were forwarded to OCI for incorporation in the Agency support cables to the U.S. delegation staffs. Texts of key Soviet propaganda items were supplied to the delegations by the London Bureau. The service was suspended while the talks were in recess, 19 December to 5 January.

b. Card files of Soviet leaders' references to ICBMs were made available to OSI and ORR. Some 80 carded references were thermofaxed for both offices. Card files of Soviet propaganda references to certain key continuing themes were made available to analysts in DD/P and USIA.

c. Propaganda-analysis items on the FBIS Wire discussed

(1) postponement of the USSR Writers Congress in the wake of the Pasternak Affair,"

(2) an East German journal item crediting the USSR with having developed a Polaris-type missile,

(3) Radio Moscow's silence concerning the Khrushchev-Humphrey talks, and

(4) Peking radio publicity for an anti-Nasir statement by Syrian Communist leader Bakdash.

FACILITIES

17. On 2 December 1958 a helicopter reconnaissance was made in the Shenandoah Valley by the Chief Engineer FBID and representatives of the Office of Communications and the Inter-Agency Communications Branch, OC Sig O, U S Army, for a combined FBIS and OCEM receiver site. Fourteen potential sites were recorded on a map for future observation. These were observed from the ground on 22 December and three sites were isolated as clearly the best. An understanding between OCEM and CIA is advisable before proceeding further with this matter. FBID will submit recommendations.

18. The search for ways to reduce the cost to FBID of new short wave

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multicouplers produced by the CGS Laboratories of Stamford, Connecticut, revealed that other manufacturers are basing similar multicoupler development on data inadvertently disclosed by CGS. FBIS will test Westinghouse units.

19. Sixteen magnetic belt recorders and six transcribers were delivered to the East Coast Bureau during the month. Delivery of the remainder of the Bureau's 25 recorders and 24 transcribers is expected in January 1959.

ADMINISTRATION

20. During December the following major staffing changes were effected in FBID:

a. [] was appointed Deputy Chief, FBID, 29 December vice []

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b. [] was appointed Chief, Editorial Branch 29 December vice []

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c. [] was appointed Chief, London Bureau 8 December vice []

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d. [] was appointed Chief, Mediterranean Bureau vice []

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21. During December, two employees entered on duty and two were separated. On duty strength as of 31 December was [] including one employee on maternity leave, one employee detailed to FE, one employee detailed to OCI, two contract employees and five employees assigned from clerical pool not counted against FBID ceiling. Prospective losses in January and February will reduce this figure.

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Attachments

Personnel Supplement
Production Report
Wordage Report
Requirements

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
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1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>	
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promo- tions</u>	<u>Trans- ferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u> <u>On Duty</u>
Departmental									
U. S. Field									
Foreign Field (V)									
Foreign Field (UV)									
Department & Field (Total)									

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- * Includes
 - 1 Maternity Leave
 - 1 Detail to FE
 - 1 Detail to OGI
 - 2 Contract Employees
 - 5 Employees assigned from Pool - not to be counted against ceiling

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

Name, Title, Grade

Assignment

Date



Editorial Branch (Transferred from Perso. Pool)

5 December 1958^{50X1}

Editorial Branch (Transferred from Perso. Pool)

10 December 1958

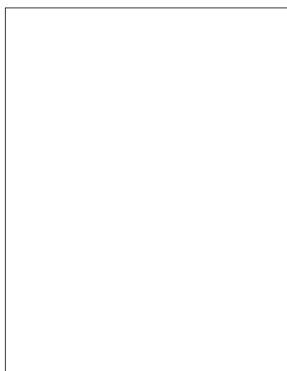
3. Promotions

Name

Old Title, Grade
Assignment

New Title, Grade
Assignment

Date



Propaganda Anal Of, GS-11
Radio Propaganda Branch

Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12
Radio Propaganda Branch

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9
Editorial Branch

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
Editorial Branch

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7
East Coast Bureau

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9
East Coast Bureau

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Editorial Branch

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
Editorial Branch

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London Bureau

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
London Bureau

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4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-13 Field Operations Staff	Chief Monitor, GS-13 Okinawa Bureau	30 November 1958 50X1
	Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-15 Okinawa Bureau	Info Of (Chief), GS-15 Mediterranean Bureau	14 December 1958
	Electron Spec, GS-11 East Coast Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	14 December 1958
	Electron Spec, GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-11 West Coast Bureau	14 December 1958

5. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-9 Editorial Branch	19 December 1958 50X1
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-7 Radio Propaganda Branch	31 December 1958

6. Miscellaneous

Contract Employees counted above are:

Monitor
East Coast Bureau

and

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West Coast Bureau

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7. OO Career Service Program

a. ☐ employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership of which ☐ have submitted Career Preference Outlines to Personnel.

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b. Training Activities

Internal (O/TR)	212 hours
Internal (PAID)	168 hours
External (Agency Paid)	204 hours
External (Private)	<u>93</u> hours
Total Headquarters in Training	677 hours - 2.6%

8. Language Awards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Type Award</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dutch	Maintenance	\$ 50.00
	Polish	Achievement	\$200.00
	Greek	Maintenance	\$100.00
	Italian	Maintenance	\$ 50.00

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, December 1958
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE PUBLISHED	ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS (No. Items)
Austrian	6.8	12,400*	8,892*	0
East Coast	119.8	15,900	7,952	3
German	28.8	7,400*	4,002*	0
Hokkaido	21.5	7,300	6,550	43
London	225.0	68,700	49,042	36
Mediterranean	72.0	30,900	23,100	59
Okinawa	127.8	21,600	15,864	4
Panama	3.0**	2,000**	1,210	0
Saigon	9.0	4,700*	4,224*	0
Tokyo	25.8	5,100*	2,552*	0
West Coast	<u>130.8</u>	<u>20,400</u>	<u>18,752</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	770.3	196,400	142,140	163

*Includes Press Scrutiny

**Approximate

2. A daily average of 95,688 words were filed to BBC.

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DAILY REPORT WORDAGE FOR DECEMBER 1968

<u>DAILY REPORT BOOK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
West Europe and Middle East	521,600	24,838 (21 publication days)
USSR and East Europe	1,135,600	54,076 " " "
Latin America	125,200	5,961 " " "
Far East	702,800	33,466
Supplements: USSR/EE (2)	51,600	25,800 (2 issues)
World Radio and Press Reaction	5,200	5,200 (1 issue)

TOTAL WORDAGE ALL SECTIONS:	2,542,000
TOTAL DAILY AVERAGE:	149,341
TOTAL WIRE SERVICE WORDAGE:	607,648
WIRE SERVICE DAILY AVERAGE:	19,601

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL								
CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE DESIRED	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
R-416-58		NIC	30 Jul	RFB	Soviet statements indicating possible future Soviet action or threats of retaliatory action against West	ASAP		In process
R-423-58		CRZ	10 Sept	NIS	Support of ONS Project 46-8226, "Economic Intelligence Regional Survey of Post & Telecommunications in the USSR" (Part II)	15 Jan		
R-441-58		FID	9 Oct	Tok B	Translation of a Tibetan document	ASAP		
R-446-58		DD/P State	28 Oct	NS B/F	Support of U.S. delegations to Geneva Conference	Don't		Propaganda analyses; roundups; special wire items
R-457-58		UNIA	1 Nov	RFB	Report on volume of Soviet propaganda on selected East-West issues and comment on individual countries (1957 and 1958)	ASAP		In process
R-458-58		NSA	4 Dec	Chi B	Original script of a NCHA Chinese Hellschreiber item	ASAP	15 Dec	
CR-459-58		UNIA	16 Dec	Chi B	Filing of Vientiane, Peking and Hanoi location summaries	Don't		For UNIA Vientiane
R-464-58		Navy	31 Dec	RFB	Indications that the USSR satellite/speccomint programs have encountered difficulties	1 Feb 59		